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Administration: In 1971 Government of Karnataka took a decision to set up a State Archives for preservation of records of permanent value and appointed Dr. S. V. Desika Char, Retired Assistant Director of the National Archives of India, as Special Officer to work out a scheme and organise a Directorate. Dr. S. V. Desika Char joined duty on 3rd November 1972. After considering the report submitted by him, Government constituted the Karnataka State Archives as a Minor Department of Government with a full-time Director on 17th December 1973. The General Records Section of the State Secretariat was transferred to it and this forms the nucleus around which the State Archives is expected to develop.

The State Archives comprised the following staff* (sanctioned) as on 31st March 1974:-

S.No.	Designation of the post	No.of posts	Pay scale of the post
1.	Assistant Special Officer	1	Rs. 400-30-640-EB-40-800-50-950.
2.	Archivist	1	Rs. 400-30-640-EB-40-800-50-950.
3.	Section Officer	2	Rs. 300-25-550-EB-30-700
4.	Archivist Grade I	2	Rs. 300-25-550-EB-30-700
5.	Archivist Grade II	3	Rs. 250-10-300-15-420-EB-20-500
6.	Senior Assistant	2	Rs. 250-10-300-15-420-EB-20-500
7.	Assistant	4	Rs. 160-10-260-EB-15-350
8.	Ist Division Clerk	1	Rs. 130-5-150-8-190-EB-10-260-15-290
9.	Stenographer	1	Rs. 130-5-150-8-190-EB-10-260-15-290
10.	Junior Assistant	5(1)	Rs. 120-5-130-8-190-EB-240

* The figures given include the staff of the General Record Room placed under the control of the Director, Karnataka State Archives pending their formal transfer.

	(4)	Rs.90-4-110-5-170-EB-6-200
11. Typist	2	Rs.90-3-105-4-145-EB-5-200
12. IInd Division Clerk	2	Rs.90-3-105-4-145-EB-5-200
13. Attender	(8)	Rs.90-4-110-5-170-EB-6-200
12	(4)	Rs.80-3-110-4-130-5-135-5-145
14. Peon	(8)	Rs.80-3-145
11	(3)	Rs.65-2-95

Budget: During 1973-74, a sum of Rs.65,000 was spent out of a budget provision of Rs.75,000 on the plan side. There was no budget provision on the non-plan side. For 1974-75, a provision of Rs.2,95,000 was made in the budget on the non-plan side and Rs.3,00,000 on the plan side.

Building: The Karnataka State Archives is at present located in the General Record Room of Vidhana Soudha where the offices of the State Secretariat are located. The accommodation is quite inadequate to meet its growing needs. Steps are being taken to find additional accommodation. There is also a plan provision of Rs.5 lakhs for the building. The question of putting up a floor in one of the multi-storied Buildings to meet its immediate needs is being explored.

Reprographic Services: A Panaprint Xerographic copier was acquired at a cost of Rs.27,700 for preparing quick and dry copies of documents.

Record Management: Work of re-organisation of records on a systematic basis was started and it is proposed to compile a Handbook to Records in due course.

Library: A Reference Library comprising a comprehensive collection of reports, Blue-books and other publications of the State is also being organised.

Lectures on Archives: The Director delivered three Guest Lectures on Archives as part of the training course for ministerial staff at supervisory level organised by General Administration Department (Efficiency Research Bureau).

Conferences: Close contacts were maintained with the National Archives of India, Indian Historical Records Commission, Universities and Learned Institutions. The Director attended the 42nd Session of the Indian Historical Records Commission held at Panaji (Goa) in January 1973, and also the meetings of the National Committee of Archivists and of the National Register of Private Records. The Director also participated in the All India Museums Conference held at Mysore in September 1973.